AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS (Claim Listing under 37 C.F.R. 1.121(c))

Claims 1-40. (Canceled)

Claim 41 (New).   A computer system comprising:

a processor executing a window-based operating system including a network connection system;

a network connection device coupled to said processor for facilitating communication, under the control of said network connection system, with an electronic network; and

a display device coupled to said processor for displaying, under the control of said operating system, a desktop display;

said desktop display having an interactive desktop component for presenting on said desktop display live information received from a remote computer through said electronic network;

said interactive desktop component being constantly displayed on said desktop display after said desktop display be properly set up as desired during a desktop-setup process by a user;

said live information being automatically updated based on a predetermined update schedule.

Claim 42 (New).   The computer system as set forth in Claim 41, wherein said live information pertains to live news reports.

Claim 43 (New).   The computer system as set forth in Claim 41, wherein said live information pertains to number of emails received.

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Claim 44 (New).   The computer system as set forth in Claim 41, further comprising an input pointing device coupled to said processor, wherein a pointing-device indicator for representing functioning and user manipulation of said input pointing device is displayed on said display device, and wherein said pointing-device indicator is in a leaping mode in which said pointing-device indicator leaps from item to item in response to receiving an input-indicator movement command signal from said input pointing device, said item being displayed on said display device.

Claim 45 (New)   The computer system as set forth in Claim 44, wherein said item comprises a text-based web link or the like, a graphic web link or the like, a file name, a file icon or the like, a file shortcut name, file shortcut icon, a folder name, a folder icon, a folder shortcut name, a folder shortcut icon, an application program name, an application program icon, an application program shortcut name, an application program shortcut icon, a tool bar button of an application program, a pull-down menu or the like, a window-close button, a window-resizing button, a text-input field or the like, a command-input filed or the like, an edge of a window, OR, a corner of a window.

Claim 46 (New)   The computer system as set forth in Claim 44, wherein said item is associated with a computer command that causes said computer system to perform a user-desired computer action after such item is clicked on by the user using said input pointing device.

Claim 47 (New)   The computer system as set forth in Claim 46, wherein said computer action comprises an action of accessing a web site or web page, opening a file, opening a file folder, executing an application program, expanding an expandable menu, executing a command of an application program, executing a command of said computing system's operating system, causing a text cursor to be located within a text-input box or a command-input box, resizing a window, OR of closing a window.

Claim 48 (New)   The computer system as set forth in Claim 41, wherein an application program is executed by said processor, said application program's display content being included and contained within a window, and wherein said window is visually transparent.

Claim 49 (New)   The computer system as set forth in Claim 48, wherein only a predefined portion of said window is visually transparent.

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Claim 50 (New).   A computer system comprising:

a processor executing a window-based operating system;

an input pointing device coupled to said processor; and

a display device coupled to said processor;

wherein a pointing-device indicator for representing functioning and user manipulation of said input pointing device is displayed on said display device,

said pointing-device indicator being in a leaping mode in which said pointing-device indicator leaps from item to item in response to receiving an input-indicator movement command signal from said input pointing device, said item being displayed on said display device

Claim 51 (New)   The computer system as set forth in Claim 50, wherein said item is associated with a computer command that causes said computing system to perform a user-desired computer action after such item is clicked on by the user using said input pointing device, and wherein said computer action comprises an action of accessing a web page, opening a file, opening a file folder, executing an application program, expanding an expandable menu, executing a command of an application program, executing a command of said computing system's operating system, causing a text cursor to be located within a text-input box or a command-input box, resizing a window, OR of closing a window.

Claim 52 (New).   The computer system as set forth in Claim 50, further comprising:

a network connection device coupled to said processor for facilitating communication, under the control of a network connection system, with an electronic network, said network connection system being executed by said processor;

wherein a desktop display is displayed by said display device;

said desktop display having an interactive desktop component for presenting on said desktop display live information received from a remote computer through said electronic network;

said interactive desktop component being constantly displayed on said desktop display after said desktop display be properly set up as desired during a desktop-setup process by a user.

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Claim 53 (New)   The computer system as set forth in Claim 50, wherein an application program is executed by said processor, said application program's display content being included and contained within a window, and wherein said window is visually transparent.

Clam 54 (New)   A method adopted for use in a computer system, said computer system having a processor executing an operating system including a network connection system, a network connection device coupled to said processor for facilitating communication, under the control of said network connection system, with an electronic network, a display device coupled to said processor for displaying, under the control of said operating system, a desktop display, said method comprising the steps of:

Constantly displaying on said desktop display an interactive desktop component after said desktop display be properly set up as desired during a desktop setup process by a user,

said interactive desktop component including live information received from a remote computer through said electronic network.

Claim 55 (New).   The method as set forth in Claim 54, wherein a pointing-device indicator for representing functioning and user manipulation of an input pointing device is provided and displayed on said display device; said pointing-device indicator being in a leaping mode; and wherein at least one item is displayed on said display device; said method further comprising the steps of,

in response to receiving an input-indicator movement command signal from said input pointing device for representing a user's instruction of moving said pointing-device indicator situated at a current position on said display toward a first direction;

determining, based on a predefined factor, whether a first item displayed on said display device is an item desired to be located by the user, and

in response to a determination that said first item is said item desired to be located by said user, causing said pointing-device indicator to move to said first item without receiving further input-indicator movement command from said input pointing device.

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Claim 56 (New)   The method as set forth in Claim 55, wherein said first item is associated with a computer command that causes said computing system to perform a user-desired computer action after such item is clicked on by said user using said user-input device.

Claim 57 (New)   The method as set forth in Claim 55, wherein an application program is executed by said processor, said application program's display content being included and contained within a window, and wherein said window is visually transparent.

Claim 58 (New)   The method as set forth in Claim 54, wherein an application program is executed by said processor, said application program's display content being included and contained within a window, and wherein said window is visually transparent.

Claim 59 (New)   The method as set forth in Claim 54, wherein a pointing-device indicator and an expandable menu are displayed on said display device; said pointing-device indicator being provided for representing functioning and user manipulation of an input pointing device, said method further comprising the steps of:

    In response to receiving a user-input command from said input pointing device,
    Displaying said menu in its expanded mode on said display device such that a plurality of items included in said menu are displayed on said display device; and
        Automatically causing said pointing-device indicator to be visibly located on said expanded menu without receiving further instruction from said input pointing device.

Claim 60. (New)   The method of Claim 59, further comprising the step of: causing said input pointing device to be in a local mode such that said input pointing device's movement is restricted within said expanded menu.

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